



# DRIVE DOCK

User Guide



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## 1.1 Minimum System Requirements

### 1.1.1 Apple Mac Requirements

- USB 3.1 Gen 1: OS X 10.6 or later

### 1.1.2 PC Requirements

- USB 3.1 Gen 1: Windows® XP or later

### 1.1.3 Supported Drives

- Any 2.5 inch or 3.5 inch SATA drive

## 1.2 Package Contents



OWC Drive Dock



USB 3.1 Gen 1 cable  
(Standard-A to Standard-B)



Power cable

## 1.3 About This Manual

The images and descriptions may vary slightly between this manual and the unit shipped. Functions and features may change depending on the firmware version or driver version, if applicable. Please visit the product web page for the most recent product requirements, specifications, and warranty information.



## General Use Precautions

- Do not place heavy objects on top of the device.
- To avoid damage, do not expose the device to temperatures outside the following ranges: 41° - 95° F (operating) or -4° - 122° F (non-operating)
- Always unplug the device from the electrical outlet if there is a risk of lightning or if it will be unused for an extended period of time. Otherwise, there is an increased risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting or fire.
- Do not use the product near electrical appliances such as televisions, radios or speakers. Doing so may cause interference which can adversely affect the operation of the appliances.
- Do not place the device near sources of magnetic interference, such as computer displays or speakers. Magnetic interference can affect the operation and stability of hard drives.
- Protect your device from excessive exposure to dust during use or storage. Dust can build up inside the device, increasing the risk of damage or malfunction.



## Safety Precautions

- Use proper anti-static precautions while installing your SATA drives into this drive enclosure. Failure to do so can cause damage to the drives and/or the enclosure.
- Read this guide carefully and follow the recommended steps for assembly.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the device. To avoid any risk of electrical shock, fire, short-circuiting or dangerous emissions, never insert any metallic object into the device. If it appears to be malfunctioning, please contact technical support.
- Never expose your device to rain, or use it near water or in damp or wet conditions. Never place objects containing liquids on the dock as they may spill into its openings. Doing so increases the risk of electrical shock, short-circuiting, fire or personal injury.

## 1.4 Top View



- A. Drive 1 power button
- B. Drive 2 power button
- C. Drive 1 power / activity LED
- D. Drive 2 power / activity LED

## 1.5 Rear View



- 1. AC power port
- 2. Power switch
- 3. USB 3.1 Gen 1 port

## 2.1 Quick Start

1. Plug the power cable into an outlet and the Drive Dock.
2. Plug in the data cable from the computer to the Drive Dock.
3. Seat a 2.5" or 3.5" SATA drive into one or both drive bays.
4. Switch the power on (back of the Drive Dock).
5. Press the power button(s) and wait a few seconds for the drive(s) to mount.
6. Begin using the Drive Dock.

## 2.2 Usage Notes

- If there is no active data connection, the LEDs will not function. When there is an active data connection and the Drive Dock is powered on, the LEDs will show blue for power and pink for drive activity. A red LED indicates the bay is powered on but no drive has been detected.
- To power on a drive, press and release the corresponding power button. To power off a drive, press and hold the power button for three seconds.
- To safely remove your drive(s) and to ensure that no data is lost, always eject or unmount the drive(s) from your operating system before powering off the drive(s). See **Section 3.2** for more information.
- When you use the power switch on the back of the Drive Dock to shut off power, the next time you switch the power on, neither drive bay will receive power. You will need to press the power button for the drive(s) you want to use during that session.
- The two drives operate completely independent of one another. You can unmount, power off, and remove one drive without affecting the other drive.
- For the computer to access volumes larger than 2TB, the OS must support large volumes (i.e. Windows Vista and above).
- RAID configurations are not recommended.

## 3.1 Formatting

For instructions on how to format your OWC Drive Dock for Mac or Windows, please visit: [www.owcdigital.com/format](http://www.owcdigital.com/format)

## 3.2 Unmounting Drives

To properly unmount an external disk from your computer, you can use one of the methods described below.

### OS X:

There are several methods to unmount disks within OS X. You can drag the disk icon from the Desktop to the trash can, or right-click the disk icon on the Desktop then click “Eject”. You can also eject the disk from the sidebar of a Finder window, or highlight the disk icon on your Desktop and press Command-E.

### Windows:

1. Go to the System Tray (located in the lower right corner of your screen). Click on the “Eject” icon (a small green arrow over a hardware image).
2. A message will appear, detailing the devices that the “Eject” icon controls, i.e., “Safely remove...” Click on this prompt.
3. You will then see a message that says, “Safe to Remove Hardware.” It is now safe to disconnect the Drive Dock from the computer.

## 3.3 Troubleshooting

Begin your troubleshooting by verifying that the power cable is connected to the OWC Drive Dock and to a power source. If the power cable is connected to a power strip, make sure that the power strip is switched on. Next, verify that both ends of the data cable are properly plugged into the computer and the Drive Dock. If you are still having trouble, try connecting a different type of data cable and see if the Drive Dock works properly. You can also connect the device to a different computer. If problems persist, **Section 3.6** provides information for contacting technical support.

## 3.4 About Data Backup

Begin your troubleshooting by verifying that the power cable is connected to the OWC Drive Dock and to a power source. If the power cable is connected to a power strip, make sure that the power switch on the strip is turned on. Next, verify that both ends of the data cable are properly plugged into the computer and the Drive Dock. If you are still having trouble at this point, try connecting the device to a different computer. If problems persist, see **Section 3.6** to contact technical support.

## 3.5 Frequently Asked Questions

To access our online knowledge base, which includes topics like migrating your data from an old drive to a new one, please visit: [www.owcdigital.com/faq](http://www.owcdigital.com/faq)

## 3.6 Contacting Technical Support

8am - 8pm (CT) Monday - Friday

9am - 4pm (CT) Saturday



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Live chat is available during normal business hours at:  
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**FCC Statement:**

Warning! Modifications not authorized by the manufacturer may void the user's authority to operate this device. NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference with radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

**Warranty:**

The OWC Drive Dock has a 2 Year OWC Limited Warranty.

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